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Annotations and list of documents

Item 1
Organizational matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 16 January 2017. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2017 should be elected from the Board members of the Western European and other States group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2016. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a workplan for 2017 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2017/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2016 (DP/2017/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2016 (DP/2017/2)

Annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2017 (DP/2017/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 1 January to 31 December 2017; and (b) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Botswana, Chad and Haiti.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2017/3)

Africa

Country programme document for Botswana (DP/DCP/BWA/2)

Country programme document for Chad (DP/DCP/TCD/3)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Haiti (DP/DCP/HTI/3)

Item 3
Evaluation

The Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP is carrying out an 'Evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption', which is part of its medium-term plan (DP/2014/5) approved by the Executive Board in January 2014. The evaluation assesses UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption during the period 2008-2015, covering the period of the last strategic plan 2008-2013, and the current strategic plan 2014-2017. The evaluation finds that while specific anti-corruption initiatives were supported, UNDP has focused more on addressing drivers of corruption, particularly demand-side accountability. UNDP has developed a unique niche in supporting efforts to address corruption drivers and to strengthen national anti-corruption capacities. Simultaneously pursuing anti-corruption and accountability initiatives has enabled UNDP to work at multiple levels. The evaluation concludes that while UNDP contributions have been important for enhancing anti-corruption policies and capacities, their actual outcomes have been dependent on broader governance capacities. Evolving governance systems and processes and inadequate judicial capacities have reduced the impact of anti-corruption initiatives. In the absence of core public administration accountability processes and capacities, even strong anti-corruption enforcement institutions can do little to address corruption. The evaluation reaffirms that addressing governance, corruption and development linkages is critical for achieving development outcomes. The Board may wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation and request that UNDP take the evaluation recommendations into account in its future anti-corruption programming and accountability initiatives. The evaluation is accompanied by the management response.

The Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP is carrying out an 'Evaluation of disability-inclusive development at UNDP', which is part of its medium-term plan (DP/2014/5) approved by the Executive Board in January 2014. The evaluation assesses UNDP contribution to disability-inclusive development during the period 2008-2016, which corresponds to the current and past UNDP strategic plans, and to the period within which the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) has been in force. It assesses the following key aspects: (a) strategic relevance of disability-inclusive development for UNDP as observed through its strategic priorities; (b) UNDP global positioning and partnerships for disability-inclusive development, with particular focus on the role of UNDP as host of the Unite Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (a collaborative inter-agency effort); (c) UNDP programme and project results: those that directly assist persons with disabilities, and those that 'mainstream' the inclusion of persons with disabilities; and (d) UNDP internal practices, including institutional culture, policies and procedures on the employment, accommodation and participation of persons with disabilities. Finally, the evaluation presents an analysis of disability-inclusive development in 18 similar organizations with a view to identifying good practices for UNDP to consider adapting as it promotes disability-inclusive development. The evaluation concludes that while initial steps have been taken to introduce the issue of disability-inclusive development, UNDP needs to make concerted efforts to update and deepen its substantive contribution and programming activities. The evaluation notes that UNDP does not track its

contributions in this area in a systematic manner, making assessment of its contribution quite difficult. The evaluation has taken a formative approach and presents recommendations that are pertinent to the indicators on disability-inclusive development that are integral to the Sustainable Development Goals. The Board may wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation and request that UNDP factor the recommendations into their future efforts in support of persons with disabilities. The evaluation is accompanied by the management response.

Documentation:

Evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption (DP/2017/4)

Management response to the Evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption (DP/2017/5)

Evaluation of disability-inclusive development at UNDP (DP/2017/6)

Management response to the evaluation of disability-inclusive development at UNDP (DP/2017/7)

Item 4
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Board will have before it the evaluation of pilot activities carried out under the direct budget support policy, which is presented in response to Executive Board decision 2015/1. In its decision, the Board requested an evidence-based presentation before the first regular session of the Board in 2017 of the experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funds policy, particularly on the UNDP contribution to national capacity and policy development. The Board may wish to adopt a decision elements of which are contained in the report

Documentation:

Evaluation of pilot activities carried out under the direct budget support policy (DP/2017/10)

UNFPA segment

Item 5
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will be asked to: (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Botswana and Haiti; and (b) approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for Somalia.

Documentation:

Country programme document for Botswana (DP/FPA/CPD/BWA/6)

Country programme document for Haiti (DP/FPA/CPD/HTI/6)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2017/3)

Item 6
Evaluation

The Executive Board will have before it a report on the evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth (2008-2015), as well as the management response to the report.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth (2008-2015). It may also wish to adopt a decision on the evaluation of UNFPA support to family planning (2008-2013), which was presented at the second regular session 2016 of the Board.

Documentation:

Evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth (2008-2015); Management response to the evaluation (DP/FPA/2017/CRP.1)

Evaluation of UNFPA support to family planning (2008-2013); Management response to the evaluation (DP/FPA/2016/CRP.6)

UNOPS segment

Item 7
United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Director of UNOPS will deliver her statement to the Executive Board.

Joint segment

Item 8
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

The UNDP and UNCDF report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2015 reviews the progress made in the final assessment of the top eight audit-related management priorities for 2014-2015 (as presented in document DP/2015/8 and supported by the Board in its decision 2015/5); presents the proposed top seven audit-related management priorities for 2016-2017; and reports on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended December 2015 and prior years. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the implementation status of the audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for UNDP and UNCDF (A/71/5/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively) are available on the Executive Board website.

Pursuant to decision 97/2 of the Executive Board, the Executive Director of UNFPA reports on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2015 (A/71/5/Add.8).

The United Nations Board of Auditors acknowledges that UNFPA is in good financial health, and provides an unqualified audit opinion for the organization's financial statements for the year that ended on 31 December 2015. A separate table, available on the UNFPA website, provides an updated status of the implementation of the audit recommendations.

UNOPS is pleased to respond to the recommendations made in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/ 71/5/Add.11) and to provide an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2015 was unqualified.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2015.

Documentation:

UNDP and UNCDF: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2015 (DP/2017/11)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2015: status of implementation of the recommendations (DP/FPA/2017/1)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2015 (DP/OPS/2017/1)

Item 9
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

The joint UNDP and UNFPA report addresses the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and focuses on the 36th and 37th meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board, held in July and December 2015, respectively. The report highlights UNDP and UNFPA contributions to the HIV/AIDS response. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2017/12 – DP/FPA/2017/2)

Item 10
Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2017
(30 January – 3 February 2017, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 16 January	10 – 11:30 a.m.		Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017
Monday, 30 January	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2016 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2017 of the Executive Board **UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Executive Board briefing on the road map to the UNCDF Strategic Framework, 2018-2021*
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	3	EVALUATION • Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption and management response • Evaluation of disability-inclusive development at UNDP and management response
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 31 January	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		4	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Evaluation of the pilot activities carried out under the direct budget support policy (follow-up to decision 2015/1)
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Executive Board briefing on the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021*
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		**UNOPS SEGMENT**
		7	STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	5:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 1 February	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Executive Board briefing on the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021*
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	5	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
		6	EVALUATION • Evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth (2008-2015) and the management response
	5:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Thursday, 2 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		*UNFPA SPECIAL EVENT*
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Executive Board briefing on the road map to the UNV Strategic Framework, 2018-2021*
	3–5:30 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT**
		8	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS • Reports of UNDP and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2015 • UNFPA report on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2015: Status of implementation of recommendations
		9	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
	5:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 3 February	*10 – 11 a.m.*		*Executive Board briefing on UNFPA humanitarian response funding*
	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	10	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2017